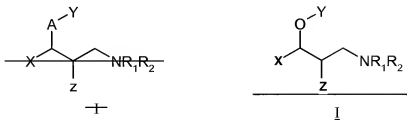


Amendments to the Claims

1. (Currently amended) A compound of formula I:



wherein

A is selected from O and S;

X is selected from phenyl optionally substituted with fluorine up to 5 substituents each independently selected from halo, C₁-C₄ alkyl and C₁-C₄ alkoxy; thienyl optionally substituted with up to 3 substituents each independently selected from halo and C₁-C₄ alkyl; and C₂-C₈ alkyl, C₂-C₈ alkenyl, C₃-C₈ cycloalkyl and C₄-C₈ cycloalkylalkyl, each of which may be optionally substituted with up to 3 substituents each independently selected from halo, C₁-C₄ alkyl, C₁-C₄ alkoxy, C₁-C₄ alkyl-S(O)_n where n is 0, 1 or 2, CF₃, CN and CONH₂;

Y is selected from phenyl, naphthyl, dihydrobenzothienyl, benzothiazolyl, benzoisothiazolyl, quinolyl, isoquinolyl, naphthyridyl, thienopyridyl, indanyl, 1,3-benzodioxolyl, benzothienyl, indolyl and benzofuranyl, each of which may be optionally substituted with fluorine up to 4 or, where possible, up to 5 substituents each independently selected from halo, C₁-C₄ alkyl, C₁-C₄ alkoxy, C₁-C₄ alkyl-S(O)_n where n is 0, 1 or 2, nitro, acetyl, CF₃, SCF₃ and cyano; and when Y is indolyl it may be substituted or further substituted by an N-substituent selected from C₁-C₄ alkyl;

Z is selected from OR₃, OH or F, wherein R₃ is selected from H, C₁-C₆ alkyl and phenyl C₁-C₆ alkyl;

~~R₁ and R₂ are each independently H or C₁-C₄ alkyl; or a pharmaceutically acceptable salt thereof with the proviso that when Y is optionally substituted phenyl or optionally substituted 1,3-benzodioxolyl and Z is OR₃ and X is optionally substituted phenyl then A is S.~~

Claims 2 – 4 (Cancelled)

Claim 5 (Currently amended): A ~~compounds~~ compound as claimed in ~~any one of Claims 1-3~~ Claim 1, wherein one of R₁ and R₂ is H and the other is methyl.

Claims 6 – 30 (Cancelled)

Claim 31 (Previously presented): A pharmaceutical composition comprising a compound of formula I or a pharmaceutically acceptable salt thereof, as defined in Claim 1, together with a pharmaceutically acceptable diluent or carrier.

Claims 32 – 44 (Cancelled)